

SPECIAL NOTICES.

GRAVE CHARGE AGAINST STEPHENSON.

Accused of Treating Old Soldiers With Cruelty.

The Notorious "Mike" Burns Connected with the Affair.

A Private Hearing at Which Reporters Were Not Wanted.

(Special to the Press.)

AUGUSTA, July 12.—Charges of a serious nature were preferred before the Board of Managers of Soldiers' Homes, against Gen. Luther Stephenson, Governor of the Tugus Home, today John Potter, Esq., and A. M. Goddard, Esq., two well known attorneys of this city, for the complainants appeared but two of the members of the board being present at the hearing which was held at the Home. Messrs. Harris and McMahon, the first complaint was made by Mr. Harry Hopkins, a citizen of Augusta who was dishonorably discharged from the Home Feb. 16, 1888, upon the charge that he procured half fare railroad tickets to Washington, fraudulently. James McCauley, who was a member of the Home on the 26th of May, 1888, alleges that on that day he was imprisoned without cause and without a hearing, being kept in solitary confinement for seventeen days when he was ordered to the Hospital for examination as to his sanity and declared sane. These two men, however, were charged with cruelty and abuse of authority on the part of the government perverting the uses of the Home; that he discharged without cause and without hearing disabled soldiers, non-combatants of the Home, even in the dead of winter, without transportation and means of support; that he refused disabled soldiers, non-combatants of the Home, shelter even for a single night; that soldiers were turned out as vagrants and tramps, being obliged to seek refuge in the county jail, walking to Augusta in the deep snow; that Gen. Stephenson used building materials and employed labor for which the government paid, in constructing a certain building on his own land which he afterwards sold, making no account thereof to the government. In this case the board, in talking with counsel, admitted that the charges should be so far entertained as to petition Gen. Franklin for a commission of investigation, suggesting that the General would appoint a time and place for a hearing. In the McCauley case the board did not hear any evidence, but took the charge as his testimony only contradicted. The Burns charges relative to the use of soldiers is substantiated by Judge Andrews of the Augusta Municipal Court. The proceedings of the board were conducted in a secret manner, and the representatives of the Kennebec Journal and Portland Press were summarily refused admission. "Mike" Burns, the complainant, was ordered out of the room.

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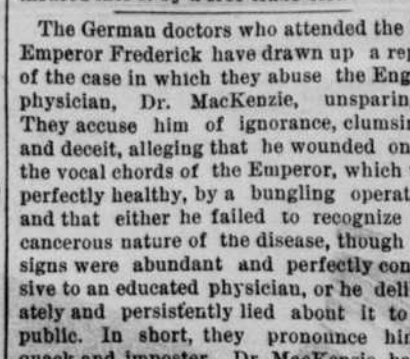
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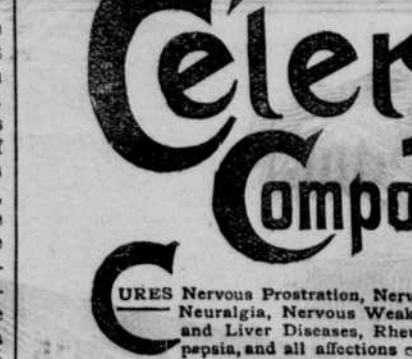
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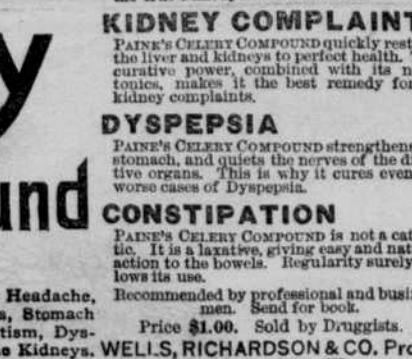
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—ON—

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to nominate candidates for the following offices:

For Senators, County Attorney, Sheriff, Judge of Probate, Register of Probate, County Treasurer, and one County Commissioner; and also to choose a County Committee for two years and to do any other business which may properly come before the convention.

The basis for representation will be one delegate for each city and town and one additional for each 750 population over and above the first city and town, and one delegate for a fraction of 40 votes. The delegates have authority upon the foregoing basis as follows:

Baldwin.....3
Brunswick.....2
Cape Elizabeth.....2
Canaan.....2
Carrington.....2
Dering.....2
Dorchester.....2
Freeport.....2
Gorham.....2
Hallowell.....2
Harrison.....2
Hiram.....2
Kennebunk.....2
Lewiston.....2
Litchfield.....2
Lyons.....2
Machias.....2
Madisonville.....2
Milton.....2
Newry.....2
North Berwick.....2
North Yarmouth.....2
Orono.....2
Pittsford.....2
Pleasant Hill.....2
Plymouth.....2
Preston.....2
Roxbury.....2
Saco.....2
Scarborough.....2
Seabrook.....2
Shirley.....2
South Berwick.....2
South Portland.....2
Troy.....2
Union.....2
Waldoboro.....2
Wassonville.....2
Winthrop.....2
Total.....146

The County Committee will be in session at the hall at 9 o'clock in the forenoon on the day of the election to receive the credentials of delegates and attend to such other business as may be necessary.

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